

Washington D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson is pleased to announce the **2007 Ohio Sixth Congressional District Arts Competition**

, sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus. Winning entries from each of the 435 Congressional districts will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for a period of one year.

"No resources are more important to the future of eastern Ohio than the energy and creativity of our young people," said Congressman Wilson (OH-6). "I encourage students up and down our district to tap into their energy and creativity, and I look forward to seeing the results of their hard work."

The competition will take place on ***Saturday, May 5, 2007***, at ***Jefferson Community College in Steubenville***

. A reception for all participants and family members will take place from ***noon to 2 pm***

, during which time the winners will be announced. Awards will be given to the top three entries in each category.

The overall **Grand Prize winning entry** will hang in the Capitol Cannon Tunnel for one year along with winning pieces from all participating Congressional districts across the nation. The first place winner from the Sixth Congressional District will be invited to Washington, D.C. for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 28, 2007 to open the national showing of the Congressional Art Competition.

The competition is open to all high school students who reside in or attend school in the Sixth District. Each high school is responsible for selecting and submitting up to 5 entries from its students. **Entries must meet the following guidelines.**

GUIDELINES

— A 2007 student information/release form, signed by the student and teacher, must be attached to the back of each piece of art.

— Artwork, once framed, can be no larger than 30" high x 30" wide x 4" deep.

— The deadline for submission of artwork is Friday, April 27, 2007.

— Artwork should be submitted to one of the Congressional District offices (Canfield, Bridgeport, or Marietta).

— All compositions must be original and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.

— An artist may not copy from another's photographer rendering.

— Artwork depicting contemporary political controversy or artwork of a sensational or gruesome nature is deemed inappropriate to hang in the Capitol, according to the House Office Building Commission.

— Only two-dimensional, frameable artwork will be accepted.

— Acceptable art categories include: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, computer generated art, mixed media, and photography.

JUDGING

— Artwork will be judged by a panel of three arts professionals from the local community.

— Evaluations will be based on: originality, creativity, expression and presentation.

WINNING ARTWORK

— The winning piece of art must be framed by the artist before being sent to Washington, D.C.

— Artwork cannot be returned to the student prior to the end of the one-year exhibition.

MORE INFORMATION

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